

[Amendment under the provision of PCT Article 34(2)(b)]

Amendment

(Amendment under the Provisions of Article 11 of the Law
concerning the International Application of PCT and
Related Matters)

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1. Indication of International Application:

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4. Subject of the Amendment:

Description and Claims

5. Details of the Amendment:

(1) In the description, page 3, lines 8-9 (corresponding to page 4, lines 19-20 of its English version), amend "and a plug having guide holes for rodlike coupling members" to read --and a turned square U-shaped plug having a through-hole(s) or a groove(s) for inserting an optical fiber(s) and guide holes for rodlike coupling members on the bottom of the concavity of square U-shape--.

(2) In the description, page 3, line 10 (corresponding to page 4, lines 21-22 of its English version), amend "by means of" to read --by being installed in the concavity of square U-shape of said plug by means of--.

(3) In the description, page 4, lines 1-2 (corresponding to page 5, lines 24-25 of its English version), amend "and a plug having guide holes for rodlike coupling members" to read --and a turned square U-shaped plugs having a through-hole(s) or a groove(s) for inserting an optical fiber(s) and guide holes for rodlike coupling members on the bottom of the concavity of square U-shape--.

(4) In the description, page 4, line 3 (corresponding to page 5, lines 28-30 of its English version), amend "by means of the rodlike coupling members inserted in said plug" to read --by being installed in the concavity of square U-shape of said plug by means of

the rodlike coupling members inserted in said plug--.

(5) In the Claim 1, line 2 (corresponding to page 24, lines 7-8 of its English version) and line 4 (corresponding to page 24, lines 9-10 of its English version), amend "and a plug having guide holes for rodlike coupling members" to read --and a turned square U-shaped plug having a through-hole(s) or a groove(s) for inserting an optical fiber(s) and guide holes for rodlike coupling members on the bottom of the concavity of square U-shape--, and "by installing by means of" to read --by being installed in the concavity of square U-shape of said plug by means of--.

(6) Delete Claim 5 (corresponding to page 24, lines 20-22 of its English version).

(7) In the Claim 6, line 2 (corresponding to page 24, lines 28-29 of its English version) and line 4 (corresponding to page 24, lines 30-31 of its English version), amend "and a plug having guide through-holes for rodlike coupling members" to read --and a turned square U-shaped plug having a through-hole(s) or a groove(s) for inserting an optical fiber(s) and guide holes for rodlike coupling members on the bottom of the concavity of square U-shape--, and "by installing by means of" to read --by being installed in the concavity of square U-shape of said plug by means of--.

(8) In the Claim 9, line 2 (corresponding to page 25, lines 21-22 of its English version) and line 4 (corresponding to page 25, lines 23-24 of its English

version), amend "and a plug having guide holes for rodlike coupling members" to read --and a turned square U-shaped plug having a through-hole(s) or a groove(s) for inserting an optical fiber(s) and guide holes for rodlike coupling members on the bottom of the concavity of square U-shape--, and "by installing by means of" to read --by being installed in the concavity of square U-shape of said plug by means of--.

6. List of Appended Documents:

- (1) Substitute sheets for pages 3 and 4 on Description (corresponding to pages 4 and 5, 5/1 of its English version),
- (2) Substitute sheets for pages 1, 1/1 and 2 of Claims (corresponding to pages 24-26 of its English version).